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## NEWS

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### Louisiana August 1 Crop Prospects

The August 1 crop prospects for Louisiana indicate record yields for rice, sorghum, and sugarcane, while all other crop yields will be up from last year according to Dave Frank, State Statistician for the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service. The following are prospects for the major crops:

**Corn** production is forecast at 33.5 million bushels, down 22 percent from a year ago. Acreage harvested for grain is forecast at 270,000, down 27 percent from 2000. Yield per acre at 124 bushels, is up 8 bushels from last year.

**Cotton** production is forecast at 1.3 million bales, up 43 percent from 2000. Acreage for harvest, at 900,000, is 205,000 acres more than last year. Yield per acre at 693 pounds is 64 pounds more than in 2000.

**Rice** production at 29.3 million cwt is up 20 percent from 2000. Rice for harvest is forecast at 575,000 acres. This was an increase of 95,000 harvested acres from the 2000 estimate. Yield per acre is forecast at 5,100 pounds per acre, 20 pounds more than in 2000. If realized, this would be the highest yield ever recorded in the state.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 19.5 million bushels, compared to 17.8 million bushels last year. Acreage harvested for grain is forecast at 235,000, which is up 9 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 83 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year's record yield.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 20.8 million bushels, down 8 percent from a year ago. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 670,000, down 23 percent from 2000. Yield, forecast at 31 bushels per acre, is 5 bushels more than in 2000.

**Sugarcane** is slated for another record year. Sugarcane production for sugar and seed is forecast at 16.8 million net tons, up 13 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the highest acreage, yield, and production ever recorded in the state. Yield per acre is forecast at 33 net tons, up 3.3 net tons from last year. If realized, Louisiana will lead the nation in sugarcane production and acreage.

**All hay** production is forecast at 1,000,000 tons, compared to 665,000 tons last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 400,000, up 50,000 acres from 2000. Yield at 2.5 tons per acre is up 0.6 ton from 2000.

### Louisiana Crop Report -- August 1, 2001

Crop	Louisiana						United States					
	Acres For Harvest	Yield Per Acre			Production		Acres For Harvest	Yield Per Acre			Production	
		Unit	Final 2000	Aug 2001	Unit	Aug 2001		Unit	Final 2000	Aug 2001	Unit	Aug 2001
	Ind. 2001						Ind. 2001					
	Thousand				----Thousand----		Thousand				----Thousand----	
Corn, (grain)	<b>270</b>	bushels	116	<b>124</b>	bushels	<b>33,480</b>	<b>69,191</b>	bushels	137.1	<b>133.9</b>	bushels	<b>9,266,397</b>
Upland Cotton	<b>900</b>	pounds	629	<b>693</b>	bales	<b>1,300</b>	<b>14,104</b>	pounds	626	<b>661</b>	bales	<b>19,410</b>
Rice	<b>575</b>	pounds	5,080	<b>5,100</b>	cwt	<b>29,325</b>	<b>3,223</b>	pounds	6,281	<b>6,151</b>	cwt	<b>198,237</b>
Sorghum (grain)	<b>235</b>	bushels	83	<b>83</b>	bushels	<b>19,505</b>	<b>8,777</b>	bushels	60.9	<b>62.0</b>	bushels	<b>544,138</b>
Soybeans	<b>670</b>	bushels	26	<b>31</b>	bushels	<b>20,770</b>	<b>74,137</b>	bushels	38.1	<b>38.7</b>	bushels	<b>2,867,474</b>
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	<b>510</b>	net tons	29.7	<b>33</b>	net tons	<b>16,830</b>	<b>1045.2</b>	net tons	35.2	<b>35.5</b>	net tons	<b>37,140</b>
Hay, all	<b>400</b>	tons	1.9	<b>2.5</b>	tons	<b>1,000</b>	<b>40,083</b>	tons	1.95	<b>1.95</b>	tons	<b>78,075</b>

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